THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 5,39,945/- was reported to have been stolen from two cash boxes on 2.4.1990. An amount of Rs. 4,78,630/- inclusive of Rs. 20,000/- in kind has since been recovered. 4 persons inclusive of 3 Railway Officials have been taken into police custody.

Problem of drinking water in villages of Andhra Pradesh

218. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh facing drinking water problem as on date; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to provide drinking water in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) All the problem villages in Andhra Pradesh have been covered partially or fully with safe drinking water facilities.

(b) Schemes for partial to full coverage of villages with safe drinking water facilities are taken up under the State Sector Minimum Needs (Programme (MNP), Centrally Sponsored, Accelerated. Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Sub Missions and Mini Mission Project Areas under National Drinking Water Mission. About 800 villages will be covered as per action plan for 1990-91. During 1990-91, Rs. 23.01 crores and Rs. 4.76 crores have been allocated to the State Government under ARWSP and for Mini Mission Project Area districts respectively in addition to a provision of Rs. 29.50 crores under M.N.P.

Introduction of passenger trains between Bhadrachalam-Manuguru and Guntur-Macherla

219. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce two passenger trains between Bhadrachalam-Manuguru and Guntur-Macherla stations on broad-gauge in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these trains are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) One pair of passenger trains is proposed to be introduced shortly between Bhadrachalam Road and Manuguru. Two pairs of passengers trains between Guntur and Macherla have been introduced with effect from 1.5.1990.

220. [*Transferred to the 14th May, 1990.*]

Diversion of subsidy on fertilizers

221. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering diversion of subsidy given on fertilizers as a measure of strengthening agricultural infrastructure; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the target of food-grains production fixed for 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Suggestions have been received that a part of the subsidy on fertiliser prices, given to manufacturers, may be utilised for st-

rengthening agricultural infrastructure. However, no specific proposal has been formulated.

(b) The target of foodgrains production fixed for 1989-90 was 175.00 million tonnes.

Renovation of Prime Minister's House

222. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional bed-rooms have been constructed in the residence of Prime Minister in Race Course Road;

(b) if so, the number of bed-rooms in existence in the year, 1989 and the number added in the current year;

(c) the total expenses incurred by Government for the renovation and addition work on 5th and 7th Race Course Road to make them suitable for living for the Prime Minister;

(d) whether No 9, Race Course Road is proposed to be used as reception and is propsed to be connected with No. 7 and also to include No. 3 Race Course Road in the Prime Minister Residence; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. There are three bed rooms since the beginning.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the SABHA.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up of Agro-based Industries in A.P.

223. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to set up Agro-based industry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Agro-based industries proposed to be set up in 1990-91 alongwith location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) National Coperative Development Corporation has a proposal for the establishment of a Dal Mill at Tandur, Distt. Rangareddy involving block cost of Rs. 20.95 lakhs.

Change in the Procurement Policy for wheat

224. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be peased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the procurement policy for wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The thrust of Government procurement policy has been to ensure adequate price support to farmers so that distress sale does not occur. During current rabi marketing season, all movement restrictions have been removed and traders and roller flour mills have been allowed to operate freely in the market.